

NOTES FOR DDCI

22 January 1964

1. Suggest you will want to be in touch with Moyer <sup>or</sup> Jenkins sometime <sup>today</sup> to request an appointment with the President. I would suggest Friday for this. I believe you have a list of items. If there is any action I can start to get you what you will need, let me know. One interesting point is that I understand the President has taken to making an early morning telephone call to the White House Situation Duty Officer to get a morning briefing. This could get a little sticky.

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They are not privy to all essential information and could trigger Presidential actions which might not, in the long run, stand us in good stead. Am not sure there is anything to be done about this, but thought you should know of it.

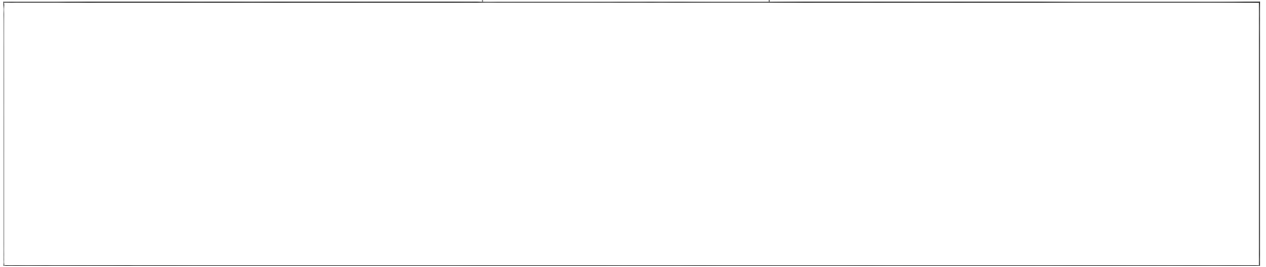
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3. Our embassy in Addis Ababa reports that <sup>the</sup> Emperor on 20 January received a visiting ChiCom delegation and that all indications are now that he will suddenly agree to a visit by Chou and diplomatic recognition of the ChiComs.

4. Colby has commented on the cable from Lodge about the reaction of the South Vietnamese generals to the explanation of the new operational program. Colby says Lodge made a big mistake in emphasizing the third and final phase of the program, and Colby suspects that there might be some difficulty in getting this whole thing back on the tracks. The generals are apt to think the US has lost its mind. Colby will get together with his counterparts in State and Defense tomorrow to prepare a joint response to Lodge's queries and the response will be shown to you before it goes out.

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